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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,435,182  
AB United States Patent No. 6,257,234  
AL European Application 1 108 391  
AM European Application 0 521 515  
AN PCT Application WO 01/26721  
AT United States Patent Application Publication 2002/0110849  
AU Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2000175886, for  
Japanese Application No. 10354751

### **EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AL was identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference.

References AA, AB and AL were cited by the Swedish Patent Office in a Search Report rendered in connection with the counterpart Swedish application. All of the references were cited in Category "A" as general technological background information. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith.

References AL, AM, AN, AT and AS were cited by the European Patent Office in a Search Report rendered in connection with the counterpart European application. All of the references were cited in Category "A" as general technological background information.

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Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Since all of these references are in English no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

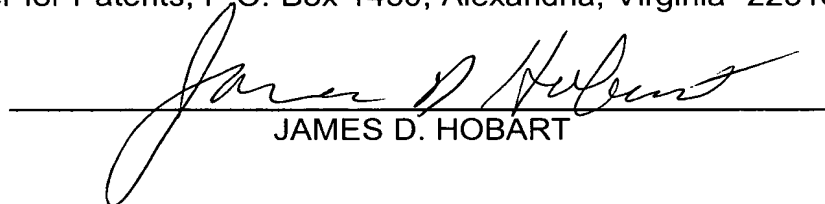
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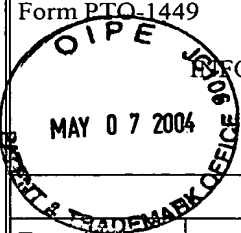
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